Mr. Chennakesava Rao said that areca is seldom ready for sale before the end of March and it is not sold before July. The khists begin in January and areca garden owners have to borrow money at heavy interest to pay the kandayam. As in the case of coffee, the kandayam on the gardens may be made payable in May.

Mr. Shama Rao said that in some places in the same district khists commenced in February, and thus, while garden owners in the Shikarpur Taluk could pay their assessment later, their neighbours in the Sorab Taluk had to begin payment a month earlier. The distinction of khists for Malnad and Maidan may be done away with.

The First Councillor suggested that, if there was any difficulty, the number of khists may be reduced, and the garden owners required to pay the kandayam in two instalments by the end of April. The Representatives would not agree to this.

The Revenue Commissioner pointed out that, in order to facilitate collection, khists had to commence earlier in the Malnad.

Reply of Government.—After inviting the opinion of the Revenue Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners, Government have already decided that no change was necessary. (No. R. 5928-36—L. R. 28-05-11, dated 16th November 1905.) They are not disposed to reconsider the matter.

SUBJECT No. 66.

Increase of khists from 4 to 6 commencing from January.

Messrs. Gundu Rao, Basave Gowda and Nanjundiah, Bowringpet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Some years back, when the prospects of the season were very favorable, owing to copious and timely rainfall, the land revenue was being recovered by Government in eight khists. Now when the usual rains have been disappointing, the khists have been reduced to four. Hereafter, six khists may be fixed for the recovery of land revenue, commencing from January.

Reply of Government.—It was stated at the meeting in 1904 that there was no need to change the khistbandi now fixed, as the existing rules provide for relaxation in exceptional conditions. There is no reason for reconsidering this decision.

SUBJECT No. 67.

Abolition or reduction of the levy of notice fee.

Messrs. C. Nagappa of the Nagar Taluk; Hariyappa of the Shikarpur Taluk; G. Tirunarnalengar, Venkataramiah and Padmarajiah, Channarayapatna Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—(1) Notices of demand for arrears of land revenue may conveniently be served on defaulters by the village officials, and this arrangement will obviate the necessity for employing special process servers, and the poor raiyats who cannot without difficulty pay the kandayam proper will be relieved of this extra payment. Formerly no such fee was be[illegible]ment sug[illegible]. It is therefore requested that the arrange[illegible]vy of notic[illegible]ested above may kindly be adopted and the l[illegible]e fee abolished.